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OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS

The attached materials are being sent to you pursuant to the requirements for the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355). A DNS on the attached proposal is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures from standard codes will apply. Project review may require mitigation regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for this proposal may be obtained upon request.

File No. 19-109348-GJ

Project Name/Address: Komura Tree Removal 11111 NE 38th Pl

Planner: David Wong

Phone Number: 425-452-4282

Minimum Comment Period: 07/05/2019

Materials included in this Notice:

- ☒ Blue Bulletin
- ☒ Checklist
- ☒ Vicinity Map
- ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ Plans
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Other:

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SEPA Environmental Checklist

If you need assistance in completing the checklist or have any questions regarding the environmental review process, please visit the Land Use Desk in the Permit Center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4) or call or email the Land Use Division at 425-452-4188 or landusereview@bellevuewa.gov. Assistance for the hearing impaired: Dial 711 (Telecommunications Relay Service).

Purpose of checklist:

The City of Bellevue uses this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies and reports. Please make complete and accurate answers to these questions to the best of your ability in order to avoid delays.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The City may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE CHECKLIST. Electronic signatures are also acceptable.

A. Background [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [\[help\]](#)
Removal of hazardous maple
2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)
Miwako Komura
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)
Project Manager
John Schramm
11113 NE 38th Place, Bellevue WA 98004
206-412-6552

Homeowner
Miwako Komura
11111 NE 38th Place, Bellevue WA 98004
425-442-0783
4. Date checklist prepared: [\[help\]](#)
March 18, 2019
5. Agency requesting checklist: [\[help\]](#)
Land Use
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [\[help\]](#)
As soon as possible. Expected duration is 2 days.
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)
No
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#)
Hazardous tree report prepared by a certified arborist.
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)
No applications pending.
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [\[help\]](#)
Clearing and grading permit.
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) [\[help\]](#)
The proposal is for the removal of a hazardous maple tree that

is in close proximity to my house and my neighbor's.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. [\[help\]](#)

Yarrow Bay Village subdivision, Lots 23 and 22. Street addresses are respectively 11111 and 11113 NE 38th Place in Bellevue 98004

B. Environmental Elements [\[help\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

- a. General description of the site: [\[help\]](#) (select one): ☐ Flat, ☐ rolling, ☐ hilly, ☒ steep slopes, ☐ mountainous, other: *The property is designated as being in a critical slope area according the Bellevue.*
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)
Approximately 26% In excess of 40%
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. [\[help\]](#)
Primarily sandy type soils Alderwood gravelly sandy loam (AgC)
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)
Not to my knowledge.
- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. [\[help\]](#)
No filling, excavation or grading is proposed.
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)
A stump of approximately 5' in height will remain after the tree is removed. Erosion is not expected to occur.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable because no impervious surfaces will be added or removed.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#)
A substantial tree stump (approximately 5' tall) will remain when the tree is removed. No further erosion control measures
Erosion Control regulated by BCC 23.76

are planned.

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)
Gasoline-powered saws and chipper will be used on the project. No other emissions into the air are anticipated.
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)
No.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#)
None.

3. Water [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water :

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. [\[help\]](#)
No.
- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable. No water in the vicinity.
- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable
- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable
- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [\[help\]](#)
No.
- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. [\[help\]](#)
No.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so,

give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None required.

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [\[help\]](#)

☒deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other: *Click here to enter text.*

☒evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other: *Click here to enter text.*

☒shrubs

☐grass

☐pasture

☐crop or grain

☐Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.

☐wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other: *Click here to enter text.*

☐water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other: *Click here to enter text.*

☐other types of vegetation: *Click here to enter text.*

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [\[help\]](#)

One large maple tree will be removed.

- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

None.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: [\[help\]](#)
There is already sufficient vegetation in the immediate area surrounding the tree. No additional measures need be taken.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)
None.

5. Animals [\[help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

Examples include:

birds: ☐hawk, ☐heron, ☐eagle, ☐songbirds, other: *robins, sparrows, woodpeckers, crows, bluejays*

mammals: ☒deer, ☐bear, ☐elk, ☐beaver, other: *squirrels, rabbits, raccoons*

fish: ☐bass, ☐salmon, ☐trout, ☐herring, ☐shellfish, other: *Click here to enter text.*

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)
None

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [\[help\]](#)
No.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [\[help\]](#)
None proposed. The property has sufficient vegetation to ensure that wildlife habitats are not adversely impacted by the removal of the tree.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)
None

6. Energy and Natural Resources [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable. The project has no energy needs.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

Adjacent properties do not currently use solar energy. However, the removal of a large shade tree should not negatively impact any future use of solar energy.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?
List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable.

7. Environmental Health [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable. No chemicals, fire, or explosives will be used.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. [\[help\]](#)

There is no known contamination of the site, past or present. None is anticipated as a result of this project.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. [\[help\]](#)

There are no hazardous chemicals or conditions that would be impacted by the removal of the tree. No digging will be done for this project.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable. Only gas powered tools will be used to remove the tree. No chemicals, toxic or otherwise, will be used.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. [\[help\]](#)

No special emergency services other than standard Fire Department or EMT are expected to be needed.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No environmental health hazards are currently present, and none will be introduced by the removal of the tree.

b. Noise [\[help\]](#)

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? [\[help\]](#)

No neighborhood noises will affect the tree removal.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indi-cate what hours noise would come from the site. [\[help\]](#)

On a short-term basis, sporadic motor noise from chain saws and a chipper may be heard by neighbors.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No special measures are needed or planned to reduce noise.

Noise regulated by BCC 9.18

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

Residential uses. The site and adjacent properties are all single-family residences. Land use will not be impacted by removal of the tree.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? [\[help\]](#)

The site has not been used as farmland or forest.

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: [\[help\]](#)

No.

c. Describe any structures on the site. [\[help\]](#)

Single-family residence.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [\[help\]](#)

No.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Residential.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Single Family - Medium density

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable. The site is not within 200 feet of any shoreline.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. [\[help\]](#)

Yes. Part of the site is designated as steep slope.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable. This is a tree removal project.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Apply for permit for removal of hazardous tree.

- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable. The site is residential.

9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable.

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable. There will be no construction.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [\[help\]](#)

Views looking west towards the city of Seattle might be enhanced by removing the tree.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable. There will be no construction.

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [\[help\]](#)

No.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [\[help\]](#)

The sun would undoubtedly reach vegetation currently starved

of light.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)
None proposed or needed.

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)
None.
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)
No.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [\[help\]](#)
No measures proposed or needed.

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe. [\[help\]](#)
No.
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. [\[help\]](#)
No.
- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable. There are no cultural or historic resources near the tree to be removed.
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable.

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable. The tree to be removed is between two residential houses and 50' back from a dead-end residential street.
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally

describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? [\[help\]](#)

No. Nearest transit stop is a half mile away.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable. Site is accessible only by foot, by property owner.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? [\[help\]](#)

There is no vehicular traffic at the site.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None.

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [\[help\]](#)

None.

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: [\[help\]](#)
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other

Not applicable.

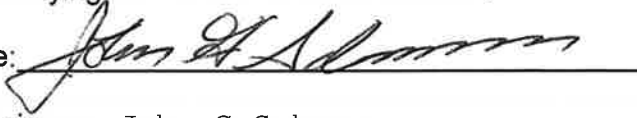
- c. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable.

C. Signature [\[help\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

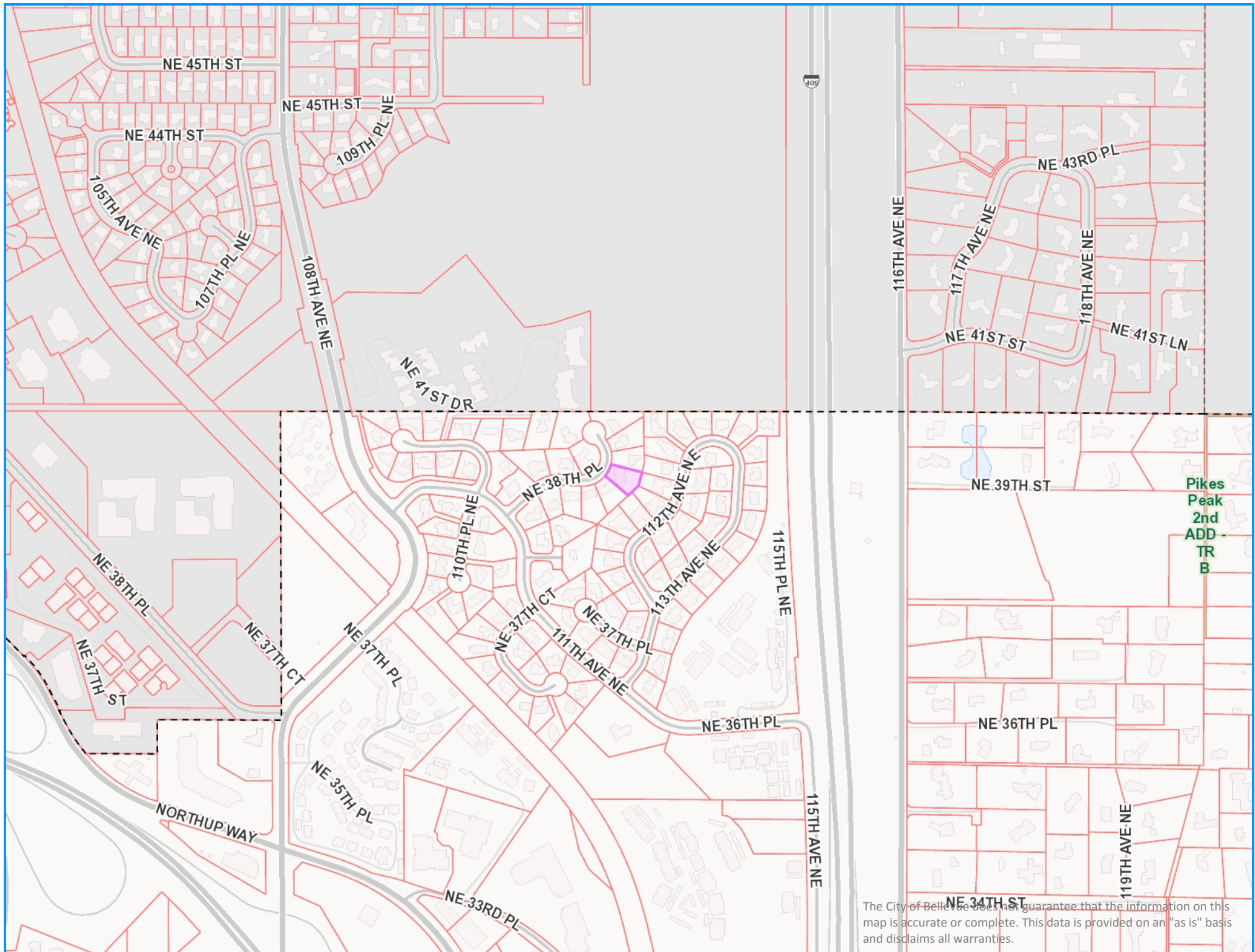
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Name of signee: *John G Schramm*

Position and Agency/Organization: *Project Manager*

Date Submitted: *March 20, 2019*



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